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The Federal Trade Commission and the 9 states are being deceived by Microsoft. By allowing Microsoft the choice into favoring its products and giving Microsoft the marketing advantage it loves. The small penalties of the verdict should not be used to favor Microsoft, but penalize it. They are allowing it to mandate how it will spend the money from the settlement. Allowing Microsoft the preference of schools they provide funds to as well as equipment will be devistating. I feel that the money should be granted on the following requirements:

Schools should get a Sun with Solaris or a Macintosh with OSX or an AMD with Linux that will show real competition. Software and hardware to accommodate those types of computers.

If the government allows microsoft to invest the settlement their way it will only capitalize on the existing monopoly that Microsoft has not yet cannibalize it with choice. None of the software or hardware that uses its Microsofts OS should be donated. It should be the competitions products, that is the ultimate reason for the investigation. We need to show Microsoft that it will have competition. The education market is an important market that reaches Americans. It provides knowledge to our children. It also shows parents the extra guidance in purchasing computers for their children. These choices out their can first be learned through education. This will truly mean that microsoft is sorry for abusing their power. This will also provide knowledge to Americans and awareness of alternatives. They should also not use this to accelerate their current reputation nor marketing power with a future Microsoft Cares\* - promotions and or advertisements. If this is not implemented i can imagine the worst. No Netscape, ICAB only Internet Explorer. No AOL, Earthlink, only MSN. No Corel Word Perfect, Lotus Smart Suits only Microsoft Office. No imovie or idvd but the Microsoft clones that Microsoft makes. This will only help Intel, Microsoft, Dell, and any of those that support the WINTEL environments. I can also see Microsoft using this money to pushing the Macintosh out of the school districts. Please dont make the same mistake twice in allowing them into getting away with the punishment they deserve.

\*I thought of that slogan first.

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